

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, please amend the cross-reference to related applications. Please replace the first paragraph at page 1 with the following paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/557,875 filed April 24, 2000 (now U.S. 6,610,482), which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/056,927 filed April 8, 1998 (now U.S. 6,197,506), which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/670,118 filed June 25, 1996, (now U.S. 5,800,992), which is a divisional of U.S.S.N. 08/168,904 filed December 15, 1993, which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 07/624,114, filed December 6, 1990 (all incorporated by reference), which is a continuation-in-part of commonly assigned patent applications Pirrung *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/362,901 (VLSIPS parent) filed on June 7, 1989; and Pirrung *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/492,462 (VLSIPS CIP), filed on March 7, 1990 (now U.S. 5,143,854), which are hereby incorporated herein by reference. U.S.S.N. 09/577,875, filed April 24, 2000 (now U.S. 6,610,482), is also a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 08/348,471 filed November 30, 1994 (now 6,420,169), which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 07/805,727 filed December 6, 1991 (now U.S. 5,424,186), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 07/624,120, filed December 6, 1990, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 07/492,462, filed March 7, 1990 (now U.S. 5,143,854), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 07/362,901, filed June 7, 1989. Additional commonly assigned applications Barrett *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/435,316 (caged biotin parent) filed November 13, 1989; and Barrett *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/612,671 (caged biotin CIP), filed November 13, 1990 are also incorporated herein by reference. Additional applications Pirrung *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/624,120 (now abandoned) a divisional of which has issued as U.S. 5,744,101 and Dower *et al.*, U.S.S.N. 07/626,730 (now U.S. 5,547,839), which are also commonly assigned and filed on the same day as this application, are also hereby incorporated herein by reference.